

work in the homes. Many people who are now attending our services very encouragingly, had not been at any church for a long, long time; in some cases, for years.

Two weeks ago I attended services at the jail in this city and preached to the prisoners, about three hundred in number. About thirty of my own congregation attended the same meeting. When I get more time,—if ever that happens,—I shall try to tell you more of that service.

Next Sunday, the Lord willing, I expect to preach at the workhouse, or penitentiary. Meetings are held in these places every Sunday afternoon. Paay for us.

In his name,

W. M. LYON.

Chicago Mission

I heartily concur in the favorable comments that have recently been made on our beloved church paper. I will make one right now myself. It is free from *petty controversialism*, and discriminations, where there are no differences. A strong point in a paper that is to be used in a missionary field. It bespeaks the unity of mind and heart of the entire brotherhood, on all the great and saving doctrines of the gospel. The religious world is already sufficiently rent with human ideas and "isms," into thousands of factions, classes and clans, which makes an indescribable conglomeration of social, and religious life, especially in the large cities. This human element in the church general, is a great hindrance to progress, and is so many thousand stumbling stones, for the weak and unlearned (in the wisdom of God) to stumble over. Truly our thanks are due, aye more than thanks, to our beloved Editor and the publishers, for their untiring labors and zeal that gives such a paper.

Our work here is growing. Our Sunday collections are constantly increasing. Sunday school collections are running now about a dollar and a half. And the other collections fully forty percent more than previously. A very sad death occurred last week in a family of eight children, most of them small; the mother died leaving them almost helpless. Several of the children attended our Sunday school, and are bright little fellows. They live so far off, that they cannot attend regularly, but they used to come thru the snow, when their little feet were almost, and sometimes quite exposed. They are poor people. The father will try to keep the family together. The oldest daughter is only about sixteen, and is slender and not strong, but will try to keep house, but I fear the load will be too great for her. Let God's people remember the poor.

Jesus went about doing good, and preaching to the poor. God hears their cry. That is the business of the church now. When we read the Gospel in the spirit of the Master, truly the harvest is white, and our hearts ache, when we think how few are seeing the effectual door opening for us in our large

cities. Brother ministers lay this burden on your hearts, and on the hearts of your people. "How shall they preach except they be sent?" And who shall send them? The great work of the Lord needs money. Pray that the windows may be opened, but if you expect to receive that blessing, first bring in tithes. Mal. 3.

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Weekly report of the Chicago Church Fund

Amount previously reported,	\$1591 36
E. Black, Roann, Ind.	5 00
Mollie R. Gans, Chadville, Pa.	1 00
Brethren church, Mexico, Ind.	35 00
H. M. Blue, South Haven, Kan.	1 00
L. G. Moon, South Haven, Kan.	40
Brethren church, Hagerstown, Md.	7 00
Brethren church, Gretna, Ohio	20 00
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Indiana Mission Items

Since my last report I have received the following amounts.

Fairview,	\$26 00
Union Salem,	2.80
Dutchtown,	1.00
Total	\$29 80

Total receipts so far this year, \$350.53

There are yet a number of churches that have not responded. Will not you send us half of your missionary quota at your earliest convenience?

There are also a few outstanding pledges which were made at the Roann conference. They are past due, and will not you see to the same at once?

WM. H. MILLER, Sec. M. B.

Millford, Ind.

Among the Churches

Ministerial Association Notice

All the members of the National Ministerial Association have been notified of the death of our brother J. M. Bowman and have been requested to pay their assessment of one dollar. Allow me in this way to urge promptness in this matter. The failure of a member to pay the assessment will deprive him of his membership and deprive his family of the death benefit fund upon his decease. Please send at once to the secretary.

R. R. TEETER.

Milledgeville Ill.

Hudson, Iowa

Duties and responsibilities of life seemingly have crowded us so that a report from Hudson church has not been given for some time

Our fall communion passed off in a pleasing manner. About seventy brethren and sisters surrounded the Lord's table. It was a spiritual feast for all who looked to God in faith for the blessing. Brother Welty, our pastor, was absent for two weeks, to hold forth the word at Garwin, Iowa. During his absence Brother E. L. Hildebrand, our former pastor, took charge of the service one Sunday. Many may remember that Brother Hildebrand broke the bread of life to the Hudson brethren for a number of years. It is well to know that he and the church had separated as pastor and people, on good terms.

Sister Sadie Gibbons has taken charge of the work at Leon, Iowa. May the dear Lord bless Sister Gibbons, and the work at Leon. Sister Sadie was with us for seven months and we miss her.

Our annual business meeting was held January 15th. No changes of seeming importance were made in plans for the coming year. May God

help us as a church to unite as one body in holding up our pastor's hands. His sermons are strong and helpful, but, a pastor alone cannot do the work God wants a church to do.

The week of prayer was observed by the different churches of this place in a union meeting. Christians received new inspiration for a closer walk with God. An old gentleman, who was not a Christian, desired to accept Christ as his Savior, but seemed to feel that he was not accepted. He thinks two things, at least, stood in his way: One because youth is God's appointed time to accept Christ. The other, because he seemingly was not willing to become humble enough for complete obedience. Peter, the apostle, gave God's plan when he said 'repent and be baptized and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost.'

At the time of the creation man tried to improve on God's plan. He failed so completely that he found himself with his back turned to his heavenly Parent. God in his mercy has given a receipt for turning round. Man in his folly is still trying to invent another way to return to God. May the Brethren church everywhere strive to do God's bidding in every way. Yours in Jesus name.

MARY DIETZ, Corresponding Sec.

Illiokota District Mission Work

All efforts to secure an evangelist to take up the mission work of this district having failed, the writer, at the urgent request of the president of the board, undertook to do some work in the field and has just returned from a twenty-four day's trip.

On Monday evening December thirtieth we began preaching in Girard this state. Here we found the membership to consist of just four sisters, representing two families. There were several other meetings in progress at the same time, and thus we were better enabled to judge of the real strength of the sympathizers of the Brethren church. The attendance was small, by far the smallest of any meeting I ever held. And yet it was not without its redeeming features. It tested the magnificent courage and abiding faith of the few sisters representing the Brethren church.

One member was received by relation, young Paul Gibson, a very talented boy who may yet be heard from among the Brethren as he has several generations of preacher's blood in his veins.

While at Girard we held communion services and with the help of a few who came to the service from a distance we had a devotional little feast with thirteen at the Lord's table.

We then went fifty miles farther south where Bro. J. P. Studebaker and Bro. John Cornish, two local preachers have been representing the Brethren cause for some years in the little village of Woburn. Here we did not expect any great visible results as the brethren named had closed a revival about two weeks before with five additions. But as they were isolated and had never had any of the brethren from a distance to preach for them, they wished the Missionary Board to give them some encouragement and recognition. Here we were agreeably surprised at the large attendance. We have not had such congregations in years and the Sunday night meeting reminded me of some of our good old times while doing revival work thru Indiana.

The young people were in attendance in full force. Every body seemed to appreciate the services, and scarcely anything can so help a preacher as the appreciation of his hearers. There was one application for baptism, young sister Edith Goodman. Her two older sisters had united with the church during the meetings held by brethren Cornish and Studebaker. Tho there is much to overcome at this place, with the faithful workers they have victory is almost certain. Here we also held communion services with fourteen members surrounding the table. May the Lord bless them all.

R. R. TEETER.

Milledgeville, Ill.